

**Eighth Judicial District Criminal Justice Coordinating Council**

Colfax/Union Counties

November 19, 2020

4:00 PM

Via Google Meet

1. Call to Order by Judge Kennelly at 4:03 PM, roll call, Judge Kennelly details the mission statement and bylaws of the CJCC.
2. Approval of agenda.
3. Discuss bylaws.
  - i. Judge Kennelly discusses meeting schedule per bylaws;
  - ii. Additional members to be added to CJCC from the Municipal Courts in Springer, Angel Fire, Eagle Nest and Cimarron;
  - iii. DUI Compliance and Police Departments from Angel Fire, Springer, and Cimarron will be added to the CJCC.
4. Assignment of Committee Officers
  - i. Judge Kennelly was named Committee Chairperson, James Lobb was named the Vice Chairperson, Anita Manning was named the Secretary.
5. Covid-19 and the Courts
  - i. There will be no more jury trials for the remainder of the 2020 calendar year, the Supreme Court leaves room for extraordinary circumstances and Chief Justice Chavez will have the authority to make the decisions on such matters including Juvenile Justice matters;
  - ii. plea agreements will be held via video;
  - iii. the six-month rule in the Magistrate Court has been suspended;
  - iv. Rose Bernal of VMDC expressed concern with the transferring in of inmates from other jurisdictions and the ability to hold video conferencing; Judge Pena relayed that inmates with outstanding warrants in this jurisdiction, with completed business in other jurisdictions are being transferred and held for court appearances;

**6. Public/Open Comment**

- i. The original members will be expanded past the original five listed in the bylaws;
- ii. The lack of open beds at Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse Treatment Centers has been an obstacle that must be addressed, and is the reality of unfortunate circumstances during the COVID-19 pandemic;
- iii. Treatment inside the detention center would be optimal, however, the issue of payment is paramount; Medicaid can be utilized in the first 30 days of incarceration;
- iv. Jo Salazar of Valle Del Sol relayed that assistance is available for Substance Abuse or Behavioral Health issues, can create safety plans, assessments, and medication management through the Treat First program, caseworkers can assist in helping clients obtain Medicaid;
- v. Heidi Wahl of Noesis informed the committee that her organization can also provide similar services;
- vi. Marcus Montoya, of the Eighth Judicial District Attorney's office informed the committee of the successful set up of the LEAD project in Taos, (Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion) to divert individuals suspected of criminal offenses and are addicted to opiates and hopes that it will be extended into the Olfax/Union counties;
- vii. Motion was approved to create a Behavioral Health Subcommittee, participants at this time will include Judge Walton, Lawrence Medina, Heidi Wahl, Jo Salazar, Lieutenant Slade, and Erica Meadows.

**7. Scheduled next meeting, date/time**

- i. The next meeting of the Colfax/Union County CJCC will be held January 14, 2020 at 4:00 PM.

**8. Adjourned at 4: 57 PM.**

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